

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT  
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2012  
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

**Flag Salute; Silent Prayer**

**Sunshine Law:** The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

**Roll Call:**

Council members: Brophy, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Councilman Carrick-absent

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

1. Mary Ann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, explained that she is still trying to find the best solution regarding the flooding. She is not having luck with landscapers. She can get free fill and asked if she would be able to build up the three backyards rather than involving pipes and the street. Another option involves the neighbor in between the two houses. They have a problem with having enough space in their driveway for all of their cars. They were thinking of moving the driveway to the back and Ms. Russini suggested that the drain could then be placed there and perhaps the town could help them out with their driveway. This would save money because there would be one drain as opposed to two.

The Borough Engineer will review this suggestion.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

**Administrator's Report**

Mr. Perkins met with Horizon Dental to compare their policy to Delta Dental. There is a possibility \$20,000 can be saved while providing more services.

On July 23, 2012 the EPA was present at the DPW and in the field to assess sanitary sewer system, which was found to be in compliance.

The Engineer and he went to speak with Birdsall Engineers about possibly moving some of the contaminated soil from the Phase II project to Overpeck, which is looking for landfill. This would be a great savings to the Borough.

Another consideration by the County was to contribute 15% of the cost to clean Brook Street culvert.

Mr. Perkins met with the Fire Chiefs. The ISO, the Insurance Services Office, conduct periodic inspections of fire protection in towns. This has not been done in Dumont since 2001. This impacts the insurance premiums of residential and commercial properties. All information must be readily available. The Chiefs are aware and ready. We are currently Classification 3, which he doesn't think can be improved upon.

There will be another couple of shredding programs soon.

The Governing Body adopted a resolution a few weeks ago to suggest that N.J. Transit work with PSE&G to change the way the buses operate as far as fuel. We received a positive response from them.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Steve Kleinman, Esq. a member of Mr. Paster's law firm was present. Mr. Paster had an unavoidable conflict.

The last easement agreement was completed for the NJEIT Phase II Drainage project.

August 15, 2012 the Mayor and Borough Clerk executed all necessary contractual documents for the closing on the lease monetization for the DPW wireless phone antenna. The first installment of \$153,000 is expected from the vendor.

There were two proposals received for the Red Light Camera RFP. The attorney is currently reviewing the proposals.

Mr. Paster reviewed and summarized the contract submitted by the County to perform work on all new ADA compliant ramps. It appears it will save the Borough money.

Mr. Paster prepared an ordinance in response to the Fire Department requests for amendments to certain personnel and administrative provisions.

The tax court has ruled that Verizon no longer has to pay taxes for its use of the public right of way. This issue is currently being appealed.

#### **Engineer's Report**

The Phase II Flood Control project is progressing. There have been some conflicts with the gas and water pipes. The utility relocation drawings, which were part of the bid spec, were not accurate. PSE&G said it would take at least 45 days or more to rectify the problem. Therefore, T&M redesigned the pipe so it will be located off the curb. This caused a delay. United Water is scheduled to make seven relocations beginning Monday. PSE&G has about twenty relocations to make.

The issue of prevailing rates has been causing a problem getting people to give a quote on constructing the two garages involved in the Phase II project. This item was in the awarded bid as an add-alternate if there is no success getting quotes.

There is currently an evaluation of the subsoil gas at the DPW. Additional geoprobe samplings are required, which should be completed in September. There is contingency money in the proposal which should cover that.

T&M had submitted a request to the County to fund a study to address the New Milford Avenue, West Shore flooding issue. The water is coming down the county road. This goes back about two years. The County Engineer sent an e-mail stating that are discussing it and will get back to Mr. Carrino.

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kelly commended the Police Department, in particular Detective Foti and Lt. Voorhis, for getting a very dangerous person off the streets within a matter of days.

Review prior to Public Meeting:

## **RESOLUTIONS**

#12-183 Bills List

#12-184 Acknowledgement of Third Quarter Tax Bill Grace Period-Councilman Hayes asked if there could be an extension on the next quarter.

#12-185 Opposition to PSE&G Rate Increase to Subsidize Solar Programs

#12-186 Interlocal Service Agreement with Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority-\$402.00 per month Councilman Hayes questioned the fee. Mr. Perkins said that the fees are less than the company the Borough currently uses.

#12-187 Endorsement of Vantage Health System Application for Bergen County Community Development Grant

#12-188 Approval of Block Party Request on Wolcott Road September 15, 2012

#12-189 Authorization of Execution of Bergen County ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Construction and ADA Cooperative Engineering Design Grant Agreements –Councilman Hayes asked if this is required. Mr. Perkins explained that dropped curbs must be in compliance with DOT standards. As a result, the recommendation was that the municipalities enter into a shared services agreement with the County to assist in county road development which would include the dropped curbs. Councilman Hayes requested that this resolution be tabled so that he could learn more about it.

#12-190 Capital Budget Amendment-West Shore Avenue Walking Path/Gazebo

#12-191 Approval of Block Party Request on Blanche Court September 15, 2012

#12-192 Approval of Liquor License Renewal for Dumont Park Tavern t/a Schraalenburgh Inn

#12-193 Approval of Fire Department Squad Company #1 Boot Drive to be held November 23, 2012

#12-194 Approval of Dumont Elks Lodge #2593 Club, Inc. Arcade Game License

## **Non-Consent Agenda**

#12-176 Mike O'Connor and Mike "Joe" Sherban-DPW-Approval of \$5,000 Raise in Base Salary for each (previously tabled)

## **ORDINANCE**

### *First Reading*

#1445 Salary Ordinance-Amend and Supplement-Councilman Hayes asked if some of the wording could be changed. Councilman Stylianou explained that the ordinance just sets minimums and maximums for positions. The attorney stated that the Borough is legally required to have a salary ordinance in place. The Borough Clerk will supply the previous salary ordinance to the Council for comparison.

#1446 Amendment of Chapter 36 Fire Department of the Borough of Dumont Code

#1447 Bond Ordinance-West Shore Avenue Walking Path/Gazebo-\$160,000-Councilman Hayes stated that the Borough is out too much in bonds already and questioned whether we really need this project. Mr. Perkins explained that there is a safety issue for people walking on West Shore Avenue. This would provide a sidewalk from the offices on the north side of West Shore to Madison Avenue. The gazebo, which was approved by the Freeholder Board, was a request from the Shade Tree Commission because they hold their Arbor Day celebration at W. Shore Avenue. \$65,000 of the cost is an Open Space grant. Mayor Kelly expressed approval of this project. Councilwoman Zamechansky and Councilman Stylianou agreed.

Mayor Kelly requested that council members meet with Chief Venezio regarding police promotions.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk